

# **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 53 - HB 132**

January 31, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes individuals with handgun carry permits to possess a firearm at any time of the year when traversing any refuge, public hunting area or wildlife management area.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On May 11, 2007 we issued a corrected fiscal note on this bill indicating a decrease in state revenue to the Wildlife Fund of less than \$11,250 and a decrease in local government revenue of less than \$13,750. These figures were based upon approximately 25 violations per year applicable to the provisions of the bill. Based upon new information that there may be fewer such violations, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

#### **(CORRECTED)**

**Decrease State Revenue – \$300/Wildlife Fund**

**Decrease Local Govt. Revenue – \$400**

#### **Assumptions:**

- 2007 data is not available.
- In 2006 there were eight convictions for violations that meet the provisions of the bill. The total amount of fines and court costs collected in association with the eight convictions was \$1330.
- In 2005 there were no convictions for violations that meet the provisions of the bill.
- It is assumed that there is an average of four such convictions each year ( $8 / 2 = 4$ ).
- It is assumed that the average amount of revenue collected each year for such convictions is \$665 ( $\$1330 / 2 = \$665$ ).
- A split of 55% to local governments ( $\$665 \times 55\% = \$365.75$ ) and 45% ( $\$665 \times 45\% = \$299.25$ ) to the TWRA for any fees and fines associated with convictions.
- No additional personnel will be required by the TWRA due to any increase in the difficulty of the enforcement of wildlife regulations.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more stylized, connected manner to the middle initial "W." and the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director